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FRANKLIN US ROUTE 3 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT WORK TO BEGIN PROJECT TO IMPROVE SAFETY AND CAPACITY AT THREE INTERSECTIONS

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces work is about to get underway in Franklin on improvements to three intersections along US Route 3.

Initial work will take place on the West Bow St./NH 127 and Central Street/US Route 3 intersection. This will include road reconstruction and widening, turning lane extensions, drainage, sidewalk, and landscaping work. It also involves the signalization of the West Bow Street intersection and the construction of a 12-space municipal parking lot at the site of the existing Castle Motors building.

Traffic shifts and detours via East Bow Street and Victory Drive during daytime hours will be required in order to complete this part of the project.

Work on the Kendall Street and Central Street/US Route 3 intersection is expected to begin in late spring or summer. That will include intersection widening, road reconstruction work, drainage, sidewalks and replacing a flashing beacon with full traffic signals.

The third intersection improvement at Sanborn Street and Central Street/US Route 3 will widen the intersection.

Most of the work on the three intersections will be completed by November 2004. The final completion date for the project is July 1, 2005. R.D. Edmunds & Sons, Inc., of Franklin, New Hampshire is the prime contractor for the \$1.43 million project.